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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY (PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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| Applicant's or agent's file reference see form PCT/ISA/220 | | FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraph 2 below |
| International application No. PCT/JP2004/004346 | International filing date (day/month/year) 26.03.2004 | Priority date (day/month/year) 31.03.2003 |
| International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC C09K19/58, H01L51/30 | | |
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA"). However, this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material:
 - a sequence listing
 - table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material:
 - in written format
 - in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing:
 - contained in the international application as filed.
 - filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 - furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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International application No.
PCT/JP2004/004346

Box No. II Priority

1. The following document has not been furnished:

- copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(a)).
- translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(b)).

Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date is the claimed priority date.

2. This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43bis.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional observations, if necessary:

**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or
industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

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| Novelty (N) | Yes: Claims | 1-10 |
| | No: Claims | |
| Inventive step (IS) | Yes: Claims | 1-10 |
| | No: Claims | |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Yes: Claims | 1-10 |
| | No: Claims | |

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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AUTHORITY (SEPARATE SHEET)**

International application No.

PCT/JP2004/004346

Re Item V.

1 The following documents are referred to in this communication:

D1 : ITO, SATOSHI ET AL: "A new synthesis of [2,3]naphthoporphyrins" CHEMICAL COMMUNICATIONS (CAMBRIDGE) , (11), 893-894 CODEN: CHCOFS; ISSN: 1359-7345, 2000, XP002288611

D2 : EP 0 921 579 A (LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES INC) 9 June 1999 (1999-06-09)

D3 : EP 0 917 216 A (LG ELECTRONICS INC) 19 May 1999 (1999-05-19)

2 Novelty

2.1 D1 discloses the retro diels alder path to compounds used as a layer in the FET devices of the present set of claims in general. No FET device or its preparation is disclosed.

2.2 D2 and D3 disclose the use of porphyrin compounds as layers in transistors. However the particular compounds according to claims 3-10 are not disclosed in this context.

Hence the subject matter of claims 1-10 is novel over the prior art.

3 Inventive Step

3.1 None of the documents teaches the use of the particular porphyrins as specified in the claims in the context of an FET device, nor hints at the preparation of such.

Hence the subject matter of claims 1-10 is also inventive over the prior art.